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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a storage area network, the method comprising the steps of:

collecting operating system data for a server, wherein the server is connected to a storage area network;

comparing operating system data for the server to operating system data of the storage area network to identify an operating system type of the server and to select a configuration file from a list of configuration files based on the operating system type, wherein the configuration file contains configuration information for the storage area network;

configuring an operating system of the server based on the comparison operating system type and the configuration information, wherein the server operating system is automatically configured to allow the server to access the storage area network.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a server configuration file identifier, wherein the server configuration file identifier corresponds to a server configuration file.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the server configuration file comprises at least one record, wherein the record comprises at least one of an internet protocol address and an operating system file type of a server.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the server configuration file identifier is at least one of reading the server configuration file identifier from the server configuration file and prompting for the server configuration file identifier.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein allowing the server to access the storage area network comprises allowing the server to access at least one of a disk storage device and a tape storage device within the storage area network.